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Remarks/Arguments

Applicant confirms the provisional election made without traverse during a telephone conference with Michelle Lecointe on September 20, 2004 to prosecute Claims 1-20 and 42-43 of Group I. Applicant has accordingly cancelled withdrawn claims 21-41.

Applicant has also introduced new claims 44-66, with Claims 44-53, and 64-66 being dependent from previously pending antecedent claims, and claims 54-64 being based upon new independent claim 54 which is directed to a polysaccharide composition having, *inter alia*, antioxidant function. Applicant submits that Claims 54-64 fall within the general subject matter of the claims of Group I, i.e., those drawn to an anti-oxidant composition. Hence, the introduction of these claims does not seek to reintroduce non-elected subject matter.

Summary

This Amendment is being concurrently filed with an Amendment Transmittal Letter including a fee calculation sheet, any applicable Request for Extension, and fee calculations. The Director is authorized to deduct any additional expenses from Deposit Account No. 18-2000, of which the undersigned is an authorized signatory.

Should the Examiner find that there are any outstanding matters which are susceptible of resolution by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

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